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reservation by the President. She was given a certificate installing her as a chief, which was signed by the President, sachems, and principal chiefs of the Six Nations. It read as follows:—

“By the affection and love of the Six Nations, and in gratitude for her interest in their behalf, Harriet Maxwell Converse is hereby elected a chief of the Six Nations, and will be hereafter known as Chief Ya-le-Wa-Noh.”

The name signifies “Our Watcher.” Her insignia of office was a string of wampum.

The duties of Mrs. Converse as a chief include principally her attendance upon the condolences and all public councils whether of a national, governmental, tribal, or personal nature. On two previous occasions the President of the Six Nations has invited Mrs. Converse to sit at their council as a guest, an honor never allowed to the Indian women.

These councils are usually held at Onondaga, and are attended by from twenty-five to thirty Indian chiefs. There is one privilege which is allowed their women, and that is the nominating of the chiefs. Mrs. Converse received her nomination from the Indian women. She will next go to receive her welcome as a chief to the reservation in Canada.

SCHOOL CHILDREN IN GLOUCESTERSHIRE.—The following, originally printed in Gloucestershire “Notes and Queries,” is taken from “County Folk-Lore,” issued by the Folk-Lore Society, and edited by Mr. E. Sidney Hartland.

Fosbrooke, in his “History of Gloucester,” 1819, pp. 300, 301, under the head of “Grammar Schools,” has inserted the following particulars, which need, I think, some little explanation: “Two very singular customs, now exploded, shall also be mentioned. Children were first sent to school in the beginning of spring; and on this night our earlier ancestors used to ask them in their sleep whether they had a mind to book or no? If the answer was favorable, it was a good presage; if not, they turned them over to the plough.” (Hawkins’s “Musick,” ii. 5.) “After tobacco came into use, the children carried pipes in their satchels with their books, which their mothers took care to fill, that it might serve instead of breakfast. At the accustomed hour every one laid aside his book and his pipe, the master smoking with them, and teaching them how to hold their pipes and draw in the tobacco. At this era, people even went to bed with their pipes in their mouths, and got up in the night to light them.” (“Antiquarian Repertory,” ii. 99).

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#### NOTES AND QUERIES.

I WELL recall the list of alliterative lines of which “Peter Piper” was but one, as described by Mr. W. J. Potts; but think he errs in the letter F, which was, if I mistake not,—

Francis Fribble figured on a Frenchman’s filly.

I cannot supply the X Y Z line, except by saying that when I lately